

# QUÆRIES:

Or a Dish of

## Pickled-Herring

Shread, Cut and prepared according to  
the *DUTCH* Fashion.

For the squeamish Consciences of *English*  
Phanaticks, who pray for the New-  
building of their Old

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I. **VV** Hither the *Hollanders* Government by *States* is not better than *Monarchy* by some Millions, by their usurpation over *Royal Privileges and Properties*?

II. Whether *Lucian* did well to make *Hell* govern'd by *States*?

III. Whether the *States of Holland* (who deny *Kingship* to be *Jure Divino*) may not lawfully affirm there are *no Devils*; since Scripture commands them to *deny themselves*?

IV. Whether their *Land* may not be compared to the *Ingredients* of a *Black-pudding*; since their *patches* of ground in the water, seem like the *knobs of Fat*, or *Oatmeal* not well stirr'd together in the *Blood*?

V. Whether we may not judge them cruel and merciless to all who have dealing with them, since they are so to themselves; for rather than want *Food*, they will fire the very *foundation* of their being, the *Earth*?

VI. Whether we may not call *Holland* a *Green-Cheese in pickle*, by reason of its watry situation: And whether lately thousands of its *Inhabitants* were not foud by the *English*, to make them bear some analogy to their Country?

VII. Whether they have not a shorter cut to *Hell* than the people of other Kingdoms and Nations; since their *Country* is so low?

VIII. Whether it may not be called *Hell*, since all *Erronious Tenents*, with the Authors of strange and unheard of *Villanies* flock thither, as to their proper *Centre*?

IX. Whether *England* be not *Sampson*; since it hath torn the *Dutch-Lyon's Jaws* asunder?

X. Whether any now know what their *Hogben Moghenships* are doing; or whether they know now what to do.

XI. Whether if a *Malefactor* were condemn'd to be hang'd, a man could find any other *Tree* for that purpose than a *Willow*, which makes them pilfer *Timber* elsewhere for *Shipping*?

XII. Whether a *Dutchman* can break his *Neck* by leaping out of his own *Window*, since he is not like to meet with *ground*, till he sink to the bottom of a *River*, or the *Sea*; for their *Houses* stand like *Pritzys*, in *Moor-houses* over the water?

XIII. Whether *Dr. Lamb* living there might have feared that *Death* by *Stoning* (which he receiv'd at *London*) there being so few *stones*, that the *living ones* are as plentifully, except what are employed to the *Paving* of *Streets*: wherefore it is called the *Burack* of the *World*, since it is full of *Peins* and *Blood*: VVater) but no *Bones* hardly in it ( *Stones* )?

XIV. VVWhether *Holland* be not a meer *Paradox*; since its *Inhabitants* sin in the *Water* for *Fire*, and having taken thereof, spread it on the *Land*; which then appears to the beholders imagination, a *Green-Cheese* over-spread with *black-soap*. Their *Horses* are *Wood*, which carry the *Wilde* in their *Posterioris*, and their *Bellies* contain their *Burdens*, and the *Wind* is the *Spur* that pricks them on?

XV. VVWhether if *Mount Atna* or *Vesuvius* be *Hells fore-gate*, *Holland* is not the *Postern*.

XVI. VVWhether that Text ( *They are all become abominable, there is none that doth good, no not one* ) doth concern the *Hollander*?

XVII. VVWhether to shake off *Allegiance* ( as they did from their lawfull *Sovereigns* the *King of Spain* ) for *Christian-liberty*, was not *Don Quixots* Argument to turn loose the *Gally-Slaves*, because *God and Nature* had made them free?

XVIII. VVWhether the *United Provinces* ( dis-united by water ) may not be ranked with *Magallans Insula Latronum*, or *Island of Thieves*, who stole his *Cock-boat*.

XIX. VVWhether the water they use be not very *Cordial*, since it is *Aqua Cælestis*, distill'd from the *Clouds*: However I am sure it is *Aqua fortis*, or *fortis*, *Strong-water* I mean; for using it with one hand, you must hold your *Nose* with the other?

XX. VWhether they believe the *world* will be *burned* (as some of them were lately at Sea) since they make it appear by dayly experiment, that its matter is combustible.

XXI. VWhether the *Dutch Sea Captains* have not lately found out the art of flying, without other wings, (then what their fears procured them, their Silks) and that it is fit they which come after should underitand this old invention, revived to prevent what danger might ensue for want of knowledge thereof?

XXII. VWhether it be not requisite the States should canonize those for Saints that dye in their Service, who since there are but two *VVorlds*, ought at least to be honoured in one?

XXIII. VWhether the *Wisemen of Gotham* would not have been horribly puzzled to have found out in *Holland* an Hedge for their Cuckow?

XXIV. VWhether *E cutcheons* are not in *Holland* more plentifull then the Gentry, since there every man is his own Herald; never fearing to have a Coat, if he hath so much wit to contrive one?

XXV. VWhether they regard not their Houses, and Utensils therein contained, more then themselves; for though they neglect their own formlesse unlickt Cub-Ships, yet to be sure the other shall not want any thing of their native beauty: Hence may be said they keep their Houses cleaner then their Bodies, and their Bodies then their souls?

XXVI. VWhether at any time they are so nice-conscienc'd, as not to turn Religion out of doors to let in Policy? and whether the most borish among them, if he gets wealth, may not quickly be made a Statesman?

XXVII. VWhether this may not be a real truth, that their Country is the God they adore, War their Heaven, Peace their Hell; and that they love not any but for Interest; but the King of *Spain* they hate worse then the Devil?

XXVIII. VWhether a man may not sooner convert a *Jew*, then perswade a *Dutch-man* contrary to his humour; For Custome is his Law, and his Will is Reason?

XXIX. VWhether in the late expedition at Sea, they trusted not more to their Yard armes, then their own armes, to secure themselves from that mischief would have (justly) fallen on them?

XXX. VWhether he may be now said to be a man of Spirit, since that failing him he lost his courage; neither hath he seldome any but what he borroweth from Brandy?

XXXI. VWhether Pickled Herring, Butter, Onions, and *Holland Cheese*, be not the ingredients which make an ordinary *Dutch-man*; which the heat of the Sun under the Equinoctial in a Voyage to the *Indies* consolidates?

XXXII. VWhether his Body, Hands and Face are made of the same mole or composition; for his Body when naked seemeth a Christian-*European*, but the rest Hellish-*Egyptian*?

XXXIII. VWhether they were not bred before manners were in fashion, since they hold civility and courtesie a late uselesse invention, and good for nothing but to steal away mens hearts from their worldly affaires? Surely they would make good Justices of the Peace, not so much for the slenderesse of their wit, but because they neither respect persons nor apparel.

XXXIV. VWhether the love of gain, upon what dishonest ground soever, be not as natural to them as water to a Goose, or carrion to a Kite?

XXXV. VWhether it would not puzzle a Philosopher to define a *Dutch-man*, whether fish or flesh; since he draweth his food and breath as much or more from the water then from the land; however foul I am sure he is,

XXXVI. VWhether *Dutch-men* would wonder to see Iron float, since every thing is so made to swim among them?

XXXVII. VWhether they would not have forbore to use their virulent expressions against the King of *Spain*, had they not been formerly his Subjects; neither would they have dared to contend with the King of *England*, had not they wrong'd his Sacred Majesty and People so much, they knew not how to render him satisfaction equivalent.

XXXVIII. VWhether *Myn*. here will not venture the daubing of his fac'd Cloak, by carrying home three pennyworth of Pickled Herring when he meets with them in his walk, rather then go without them?

XXXIX. VWhether when his belly is full, he beareth the resemblance of a full grown Oyster boyled?

XL. VWhether they will not tolerate any thing rather than hinder Traffick; and will not stick to entertain the Devil (should they know him so) and trade with him, should the *Frient* assume the habit of a Burgo-master, and shew them Mercandize.

XLI. VWhether you may not be what Devil you will at *Amsterdam*, provided you push not the State with your horns?

XLII. VWhether if any one hath lost his Religion, he may not there find it again, it being an University of all sorts of Opinions, which grow there like Rocks in a Nursery, without either order or pruning.

XLIII. VWhether by this their boundlesse toleration, they place not their Commonwealth in a higher esteem than Heaven it self, since they had rather offend God then crosse their Republick.

XLIV. VWhether the Father and the Son were not created together, since observation tells us, there is not to be found among them any demonstration of Duty or Authority to distinguish them?

XLV. VWhether their women would not have indifferent good faces, did they not marre them in making.

XLVI. VWhether a *Dutch* Saylor is not in continual danger of having his leggs swallowed up, by reason of the wide gaping and yawning of his breeches at knees?

XLVII. VWhether a *Dutch-woman* may not be compar'd to a Monkey chain'd by the middle, for she had rather want food, then want lincks to hang her keys in?

XLVIII. VWhether a *Dutch-man* be longer eating his dinner, then an *English-man* preparing it?

XLIX. VWhether the *English* have not the better over the *Dutch* in drinking, (as well as in other things) having lost it long since by prating too much over their cups.

L. Whether we mortals may not reckon the Hollander in the Massacre at *Ambona* amongst the Gods, since they did there put off all humanity?

LI. Whether *Rudis indigestaque Moles*, was not a saying exprest by *Ovid*, relating to the Hollander?

LII. VWhether it had not been much safer for the Hollander to have made use of their own sails for sewel, rather than to have sell foul on our Cole-ships? This I can prove by many *Childrens* of Reasons drawn from theirs and our experience?

LIII. VWhether it is not fitting that the States should now make an Act, wherein it should be lawfull (as it is thought by some needfull) for the widows and Orphans of the deceased in the late expedition, to make away with themselves by hanging in the Air, (since their Husbands were destroy'd by two other Elements Fire and VVater) lest they joyning issue with some male-content persons, it should cause an alteration in their Government, and veresie the saying, *The mighty shall be brought low*?

LIV. VWhether the Commonwealth of *Holland* hath any other mark of Christianity than the grand prosecution of its interest, which is to make their calling and election Sure?

LV. VWhether the common Proverb, *That bought wit is best*, may not now be justly acknowledged by the *Hollanders* with a sad *Probatum est*?

LVI. VWhether it may not be said (when the *Dutch* Fleet set sail to Prosecute injustice (it being then a hot season after their cold VVinter) *That they went out of Gods blessing into the warm Sun*?

LVII. VWhether old *Van Trump* by carrying a Broom in his main-top, did signifie that he would be the Scavenger of the *British* Seas, or that he would have had the then Commonwealths Cobler to have furnished with old Shoes, or old Boots? (will you buy any brooms.)



LXVIII. VWhether *Holland* Cheele will not sweat coming on our Coast for fear of our great Guns; or whether it would not dissolve or melt away rather before it comes by the heat of their own Fire-ships?

LX. VWhether they look not on this as the Essence of their hodge-podge Religion? That the power of the Sword belongeth to him that can lay hold on the Hilt.

LX. VWhether *Opdam* hath not shewn us, that the speediest way of saying to the Antipode, is in a Dutch Bottom?

LXI. VWhether if the Dutch dare play out their game at Shuffle, and that they will once more Shuffle, it is reasonable for us to Cut?

LXII. VWhether Captain *Smith* for sinking one of the Dutch Admirals, may not truly as well as Honourably be said, *To have hit the right nail on the head?*

LXIII. VWhether he that can say no more at present, hath not a sufficient excuse to hold his tongue.



**Finis.**